



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

*Gary W. Black, Commissioner*

- Leave Benefits
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| <b>JOB TITLE:</b>            | FOOD MICROBIOLOGY ANALYST                     |
| <b>POSITION NUMBER:</b>      | 00052114                                      |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>             | LABORATORY DIVISION, FOOD SAFETY LAB, ATLANTA |
| <b>POSTING DATE:</b>         | FEBRUARY 4, 2016                              |
| <b>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</b> | FEBRUARY 10, 2016                             |
| <b>WHO MAY APPLY:</b>        | ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS                      |
| <b>PAY GRADE:</b>            | H   |
| <b>ENTRY SALARY:</b>         | \$2,500.00/MONTH                              |

We at the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) take our responsibilities to you very seriously and are committed to protecting and promoting Georgia's agriculture through superior service and leadership. The mission of the GDA is to protect consumers, promote agriculture, both locally and globally, and assist our customers using education, technology and a professional workforce. The vision of the GDA is to continue to be a globally recognized leader in agricultural excellence through a commitment to safety, quality, growth and innovation.

**DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** Assists in the performance of standard tests and analysis on food, feed, or surface samples using prescribed microbiological and chemical laboratory procedures to determine composition, purity and compliance with legal standards. Broadly receives food samples and uses standard operating procedures to perform analyses for microbiological or chemical contaminants. Submit findings into a laboratory tracking database and generates sample reports. Assists in the daily operation and maintenance of the laboratory including verifying instrument accuracy and facility cleaning. Other duties as assigned.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in a physical or natural science from an accredited college or university.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** *Preference will be given to applicants, who, in addition to meeting the Minimum Qualifications, possess knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:*

- Completion of college level coursework in microbiology, including laboratory;
- Demonstrated competence with microbiological laboratory methods such as aseptic technique, selective enrichment, streaking plates, etc.;
- Working knowledge of polymerase chain reaction, immunoassay and biochemical identification technologies;
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Windows.

**HOW TO APPLY:** (WE ACCEPT STATE APPLICATIONS BY ANY METHOD LISTED BELOW. RESUMES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE STATE APPLICATION. )

- Mail a completed State of Georgia application to Georgia Department of Agriculture, Personnel Office, Room 300, Agriculture Building, 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334; or
- Fax a completed State of Georgia application to (404) 463-8196; or
- Team Georgia Careers <http://team.georgia.gov/careers/>; or
- E-mail a completed State of Georgia application to [GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:GDAPersonnel@agr.georgia.gov).

Please reference the job title and position number when submitting paper applications. Applications received without a job title or position number will be considered unsolicited and will not be reviewed. For a copy of the State Application, please visit [http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State\\_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf](http://team.georgia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/State_Application-Standard-3.3.15.pdf) or contact the Georgia Department of Administrative Services, Human Resource Administration at (404) 656-2705.

**The GDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

All qualified applicants will be considered, but may not necessarily receive an interview. No notification will be sent to applicants except those who are selected for interviews.

**IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMMODATION FOR AN INTERVIEW,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT (404) 656-3615.**